



# THE VOTER

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY**

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August 2010

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The League of Women Voters  
of Central Yavapai County  
presents



## Legislative District #1 Candidate Forum

Wednesday, August 4, 2010  
Yavapai College Performance Hall  
5:30—6:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates  
6:30—8:00 p.m. Forum

### Candidates Invited:

**Senate**

Bob Donahue (D)  
Steve Pierce (R)

**House**

Lindsay Bell (D)  
Noel Campbell (R)  
Karen Fann (R)  
Andy Tobin (R)

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## President's Message



Let's have a great turnout for our Dist. #1 Legislative Candidate Forum on August 4. Please tell your friends, church groups, people at the Community Center, acquaintances you see at the grocery or hardware store.....everyone! Our candidate forums are really something to be proud of: completely fair to all, meticulously planned, a true emblem of democracy. We know we'll have at least one new representative in the Legislature, as Lucy Mason has been term limited. What happens there affects education, the environment, taxes, and so many other things in our daily lives. It is certainly worth our time to know as much as we can about the people we ask to represent us, and who ask us for our votes.

By becoming a member of the League of Women Voters here in the Quad Cities area, you also become a member of the League at both state and national levels. State and national hold their conventions in alternate years. This year was LWVUS' turn. LWVCYC was allotted one representative at the national LWVUS Convention. Since we were unable to budget for this, the Board decided to allow Dana Johnston, a Leaguer from North West Maricopa to be our voting delegate. Another Arizona Leaguer, Carol Mattoon, prepared excellent issue/action reports of the conventions, which Sandra Goodwin has excerpted for this VOTER. Thanks to Dana and Carol for representing us so well.

The League has many positions, taken after study and consensus of members. Still, it is always exciting to have LWVUS adopt new studies. **Convention adopted:**

- A study of the federal role in public education. The study will focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government. The scope will be dependent on available resources, including committee and LWVUS staff time. LWVUS is now seeking study committee members, who will be responsible for developing study materials and consensus questions, participating in reviewing/ tabulating all of the responses submitted by participating Leagues, and based on those, recommending position language to the Board. Those interested in being on the committee must complete the online application form (including a resume), no later than August 16, 2010. See <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Projects2&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=15636>
- A study on privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector.

One way LWVCYC is represented in the community is by our website, <http://centralyavapai.az.lwvnet.org/>, ably maintained by Terri Farneti. She has updated the website, making the Directory of Elected Officials available for reference or downloading, and also updated the calendar. This is a great place to turn for reliable information. Thanks, Terri.

Vicky McLane, President, LWVCYC

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## Don't Skip the Primary!

Opinions Jul. 14, 2010 12:00 AM, The Arizona Republic

Independent voters have decided against standing with any particular political party. But they shouldn't stand on the sidelines during the **primary election**.

That's where **a lot of races will be decided, especially for the Legislature. Despite efforts to create more competitive districts, all but four or five of the state's 30 districts are so heavily weighted to one party or another that the winner of the primary is virtually certain to win in November.**

One of three Arizona voters is registered as independent. That large swath of Arizonans shouldn't be silent when their voices can make a difference.

Unfortunately, many independent voters mistakenly believe that they're shut out of party primaries. They used to be. But 12 years ago, Arizona voters approved an open-primary system that lets independents participate in all but presidential primaries. (Parties set up their own presidential-preference systems.)

The changing makeup of voters makes it increasingly important for independents to participate. The two big traditional parties - Libertarians remain a tiny fraction of registered voters - have lost ground on the voter rolls. [Republican](#) registration is down 20 percent since 2000, Democratic is off 12 percent.

That means a dwindling fraction of Arizonans is making the call on who will run state and local government. This feeds the trend, more obvious than ever this year, for candidates to appeal to the more extreme wings of their party - courting the primary voters most likely to turn out.

The state has set up a smooth system for independents to participate in primaries, including voting by mail. Independent voters should use it. If they don't, committed party members will make the choice for them.

### ADDING UP THE NUMBERS

Registered independents in Arizona have nearly caught up with the two major parties, the latest state figures show. As of June 1, Republicans made up 36 percent of registered voters, Democrats had 33 percent and Independents 31 percent.

### Registered Independents **CAN vote in the August 24 Primary!**

Many of Arizona 's legislative elections are decided in the primary election. It is important that you vote in the primary on August 24, 2010 and in the general election on November 2, 2010. Just call your county election board and ask for the party ballot of your choice. You will remain a registered independent. Your request will simply allow you to receive the Republican, Democratic, or Green Party ballot for the primary only. (Because of a court decision, Libertarians restrict their ballots to their party members in the primary.)

## Tentative Meeting Topics For 2010-2011

The meeting programs for 2010-2011 have been set and your Board is excited about the variety and timeliness of the topics. Because some topics depend on the LWVUS calendar for the two new studies adopted at convention (“The Federal Role in Education” and “Privatization” – see Convention articles herein), we kept the word “tentative” in our planning. All programs except December’s will be the usual second Saturday of the month and will begin at 9:00 (social time) and end at 11:30 at Las Fuentes. Here is how we have it calendared at this time.

- September 11**      **CURRENT TRENDS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE**
- October 9**        **PROS AND CONS ON STATE AND LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES**
- November 13**     **GO SOUTH** – an excellent documentary produced by Howard and Kathie Rieder featuring the actual experiences of Betsy and Ron Barnes as they lived and taught in the South during the 60s. This program will also feature speakers addressing today’s situations, similarities and differences.
- December 8**      This is our League’s traditional **MEET AND GREET**, 4-6 PM at Las Fuentes. The purpose of this event is to meet other volunteer agencies with similar goals and lay the groundwork to cooperate collectively advancing those goals in coming years. Elected officials attend to provide support and insight and become familiar with the various agencies. Jo Kelleher, M&G Chair will need all the help she can get. Volunteer now to help with this important event.
- January 8**        **PROGRAM PLANNING.** This very important meeting proposes what studies this League might undertake, which positions might be revisited, dropped, amended, etc. for both LWVCYC and LWVAZ. We will brainstorm all local and state positions, review any proposed changes, consider ideas submitted by other Leagues throughout the state and forward those responses to LWVAZ. We will follow this up with a review of the implications of what was adopted at the LWVUS convention and the subsequent resulting action. A “don’t miss” program for all members.
- February 12**     We anticipate that **LWVUS** will have some materials out for this meeting. We are not sure if it will be on the education or the privatization study. We will keep you updated as it happens.
- March 12**        Our traditional **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** The upcoming legislative session will be exciting to say the least as old and new District legislators once again attempt to traverse the budget tightrope. We will have to be diligent about evaluating proposed cuts as they impact our positions.
- April 9**          **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.** Speaker or topic to be announced.
- May 14**          **POVERTY IN YAVAPAI COUNTY.** Members were particularly interested in senior and women poverty but the Board has discussed expanding the topic to poverty in our county in general. We will have to see how this develops.

As you can see we have ambitious plans and we very much look forward to active member participation in all aspects of those plans from attending meetings – of course – to volunteering for pro/con presentations, registering voters, tracking various pieces of legislation and proposed budget cuts, working on studies, assisting with program presentations, etc.

Please call me ASAP to volunteer for Pro and Con assistance and any other activity that interests you.

by Sandra Goodwin, First VP/Program Portfolio, [esgoodwin@commspeed.net](mailto:esgoodwin@commspeed.net), 899 4399, 632 8490

# Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures

Some of this article was extracted from “**Medicinal pot one of 9 issues to make Ariz. ballot**  
Jul. 2, 2010, The Arizona Republic

LWVCYC will present the pros and cons of both the proposed nine state ballot measures and also Prescott City Charter changes in a public meeting October 9 at Las Fuentes.

In November, voters will decide a variety of issues - from allowing renaming the state's No. 2 office to prohibiting affirmative-action programs.

As of the filing deadline, nine measures qualified for the Nov. 2 general-election ballot. But only one initiative - an effort to legalize medical marijuana - qualified for through a citizen petition.

The other eight measures were referred to the ballot by the Legislature.

Organizers and observers attribute the low number of citizen-driven initiatives to the lagging economy, which they say made it difficult for groups to hire companies to gather signatures and get the word out about their petitions.

"Most of the groups that would be doing initiatives have to be more selective in a tight economy," said Sandy Bahr, a lobbyist with the Sierra Club. "It takes a lot of money. You have to really run two campaigns, one campaign to get it on the ballot and then you have to campaign to win."

She said some groups that would traditionally run campaigns, such as the National Rifle Association, had the legislature refer measures to the voters instead or bypass the public altogether when possible, removing the costly petition-gathering phase.

Shawn Dow, who organized an unsuccessful initiative effort to ban photo-enforcement devices, said his group fell short because they couldn't pay signature gatherers.

One organizer said "It's impossible for an all-volunteer organization to get something on the ballot," he said.

For this election, initiatives needed to submit 153,365 signatures to qualify.

Past elections have seen much higher numbers citizen initiatives. In 2006, Arizona was the busiest state in the country with 19 measures, including 10 initiatives. In 2008, there were 10 ballot measures and nine voter initiatives.

**Watch for more information in the October VOTER and be sure to put the League's “ Pro and Con of the Ballot Measures” set for our October 9 meeting on your calendar. And invite your friends!**

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## Prescott Valley Fall 2010 Citizen's Academy

The Town of Prescott Valley is now accepting [applications](#) for the Fall 2010 Citizen's Academy, a program that provides Prescott Valley and Prescott Country Club citizens with an in-depth look at municipal government. The academy will meet weekly on Wednesday nights from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. from Sept 8th until Nov 10th, 2010.

There is no fee to participate, but applications must be received no later than Aug 26th, 2010.

Applicants will be notified of their participation by Aug 31st, 2010. For further questions, contact Ryan Judy at 928-759-3104 or [rjudy@pvaz.net](mailto:rjudy@pvaz.net).



League President Vicky McLane and League member Bob Viscount join Gladys Miller and Jan Bryan of The Latino-Anglo Alliance to register voters at the Alliance's program HOW SB 1070 WILL IMPACT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY in Prescott Valley. The July 18 program was presented in Spanish by Alessandra Soler Meetze, Executive Director of ACLS Arizona. Registration was open to anyone with proof of citizenship.

## **AZ Immigration Law Felt to Undermine Equal Justice**

The League of Women Voters of Arizona and the League of Women Voters of the U.S. have joined a lawsuit challenging the new immigration law SB 1070 in Arizona. The amicus brief states the law will "subject United States citizens and legal residents who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, and particularly those who may be perceived to be somehow 'foreign,' to the disruption, stress, and humiliation of detention and interrogation." Former national League president Mary Wilson says she is disappointed to see the Arizona state legislature and governor "turn their backs on fundamental civil rights."

# Membership

We welcome to membership Rose Grech and Libby Coyner.

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Here is Rose’s biography:

Originally from the island nation of Malta, I am the eldest daughter of nine. I have always had a love of learning and a curious mind, so after earning my teaching degree, I moved to Toronto, Canada to teach. In Canada, my three children, two sons and one daughter, were born. A new adventure was right around the corner as we moved to Visalia, California to become owners and operators of a campground. Seven years later, we moved to Valencia, California, and I returned to the classroom. There, I spent twenty years teaching sixth grade and ESL to adults in the evenings. I retired to Dewey, Arizona and I love all of what Central and Northern Arizona have to offer – the breathtaking, open spaces, the forests, and above all, the people. I enjoy gardening, hiking, reading and discussing issues and politics. I travel frequently, especially to California to visit my children and grandchildren.

Next month: Libby’s bio and hopefully a couple of photos!

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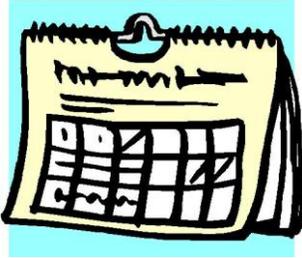


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## ***Calendar of Events***

### **2010 -2011**

Wednesday, July 28

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**CANDIDATE FORUM, YAVAPAI COLLEGE,  
CANDIDATES FOR AZ LEGISLATURE**

*Tuesday, Aug. 24*

Wednesday, Aug. 25

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 11**

*AZ Primary Election*

Board Meeting: 5:30 Step One, PV

**PUBLIC MEETING - LAS FUENTES**

**CURRENT TRENDS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Wednesday, Sept. 29

**SATURDAY OCT. 9**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**PUBLIC MEETING - LAS FUENTES**

**PROS AND CONS OF BALLOT ISSUES**

Wednesday, Oct. 27

*Tuesday, November 02*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

*AZ General Election*

**PUBLIC MEETING - LAS FUENTES**

**“GOING SOUTH”**

Wednesday, Nov. 24?

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 08**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**MEET AND GREET WITH NON-PROFITS**

Wednesday, December 29

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**PROGRAM PLANNING**

Wednesday, January 26

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**LWVUS STUDY**

Wednesday, February 23

**SATURDAY MARCH 11**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Wednesday, March 30

**SATURDAY APRIL 9**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. .**

Wednesday, April 27

**SATURDAY May 14**

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

**POVERTY IN YAVAPAI COUNTY**

To be scheduled

Board retreat



Carol Mattoon, Arizona League member, wrote the following report from convention.

## **MISCELLANEOUS FROM 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

For more on Convention action, see

[http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council\\_and\\_Convention&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=15555](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council_and_Convention&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=15555)

### **Two Study Items**

Two study items were approved: the Board-recommended item of the “Federal Role In Public Education” and the non-recommended item on “Privatization.” Because of the added expense of the second study item (estimated at \$10,000-\$25,000 for 2 years), a collection to pay for that study, at least in part, was taken among the members present.

### **Three Concurrences**

Three concurrences were approved: the Board-recommended amending and updating of the Arms Control Position; the non-recommended item to add to the Equality of Opportunity Position the LWVMD and LWVME position on Marriage Equality; and the non-recommended item to add the support of National Popular Vote to the LWVUS position on the selection of the U.S. president.

### **Per Member Payment Raise**

The Per Member Payment for 2010-2011 was raised to \$29.70 and the PMP for 2011-2012 was raised to \$30. There was much discussion about the need for the increases, and the difficulties it created for local Leagues. Leagues want to be educational and advocacy organizations vs a money-making machine. (**Carol Mattoon voted against the increase.**)

### **Health Care Reform Action at the National Convention**

LWVAZ hosted two caucuses that were heavily attended and well received. We also had a table in the Wares area that had literature, T-shirts, etc. Our brochures were the most professional/attractive of any at convention. It was inspiring to see lots of folks walking around wearing our bold red and white T-shirts that said, “**Expanded and Improved Medicare for All—We’re not there yet!**”

It took a lot of work, planning, and strategizing, but we accomplished our goal of passing our health care resolution on June 14 by a 2 to 1 margin! The resolution wordage was:

Whereas the League of Women Voters of the United States believes quality health care at an affordable cost should be available to all U.S. residents; and

Whereas the current and proposed systems do not achieve the League goals of affordability and

access to everyone; and

Whereas an improved Medicare for all, a publicly funded and privately delivered national health care plan, is consistent with this goal;

Therefore, be it resolved, we, the representatives of local and state Leagues assembled at the 2010 LWVUS Convention, call upon the LWVUS Board to advocate strongly for bills that legislate for improved Medicare for all.

The passage of the resolution is a major first step. However, even though it asks the National Board to work for Improved Medicare for All (single-payer health care), and asks the Board to allow state and local Leagues to do the same, it does not mean that the Board actually will. The conversations that some of us had with our new LWVUS president and other board members made it very clear that the Board would continue to work in a way they deem “strategic,” and that the achievement of single-payer health care (as stated in our LWVUS health care position) is in the distant future.

There was no hint that the Board would ever work alone or with existing organizations to further that achievement; **therefore, our job is not done.** We must be diligent and continue to press the Board to actively enact our resolution by joining with other like-minded coalitions and advocate and support all congressional attempts at improved Medicare for All.

The convention vote took place shortly before the arrival of Kathleen Sebelius, President Obama’s Secretary of Health and Human Services, who was scheduled to address the gathering and to present the attributes of the administration’s new health law. **When Sebelius arrived, she was greeted by delegates in their red and white T-shirts holding a 6’ banner that boldly emphasized, “LWV Supports Improved Medicare for all.” Our lobbying has started already on the national level!**

### **SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE**

The second extremely important event was the passage of the concurrence presented by Barbara Klein of the LWV-AZ to add the support of National Popular Vote to the LWVUS position on the selection of the U.S. president. Barbara and others have worked extremely hard on this issue and deserved many accolades for shepherding this through. It passed with a wide margin and everyone raised with hand clapping and yells at its passage. Good job, Barbara! This may someday be seen as a historic vote that changed the way presidents are elected—by the voters, not the Electoral College. **Of course, much more work needs to be done to get enough states in the compact to reach the needed 270 electoral votes, but this was a very important step so that League’s around the country can work/lobby on it.**

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### **AARP Arizona Community Forum**

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is presenting a Community Forum on the new health care law. It is open to the public, but registration is requested as seating is limited. To register, [click here](#).

**It is scheduled for Friday, July 30, from 10 am - 11:30 am, at the Prescott Community Adult Center, 1280B East Rosser.**

**IMPORTANT WEBSITE  
REFERENCES**

**League of Women Voters  
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**LWVUS Website  
[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)**

**LWVAZ Website  
[www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org)**

**LWVCYC Website  
<http://centralyavapai.az.lwvnet.org/>**

**We recommend that you check these out monthly, or more often. Lots of good information! Bookmark them to save on typing, or go to lwvaz.org, where there are links to click on.**

**Reminder – Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. Regular meeting times will be on the calendar.**

**To request placement of an item on the Board agenda and/or to receive the Board agenda packet, contact the LWVCYC President a week in advance.**

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**LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION  
2010-2011**

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New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

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*President*  
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To: Members of the U.S. Senate

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Birchwood, Minnesota

From: Elisabeth MacNamara, President

Judith S. Davis  
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: Support the DISCLOSE Act

*Secretary-Treasurer*  
Susan Morris Wilson  
Redding, California

The League of Women Voters strongly supports the DISCLOSE Act, which would restore transparency to U.S. elections by requiring disclosure of corporate and union spending in candidate elections. We urge you to support cloture and vote for this essential reform legislation when it is considered by the full Senate.

*Directors*  
Patricia I. Donath  
Lansing, Michigan

In its ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court opened the floodgates for big-money special interests in our elections. Corporations and unions can now make unlimited secret expenditures seeking to elect or defeat candidates. This is unacceptable in a democracy.

Margaret Hawkins Hill  
Houston, Texas

The most important thing we can do to preserve the integrity of our electoral process is to increase transparency and let the sunlight shine in. Disclosure of corporate and union spending in our elections is the key to allowing voters to make their decisions. This bill accomplishes that fundamental purpose.

Mary T. Kleuz  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Voters deserve to know the sources of funding for election advertising. Secret money, whether foreign or domestic, has no place in America's democracy. Voters have a right to know -- whether it is a corporation, union, trade association, or non-profit advocacy group making unlimited political expenditures and influencing elections.

Janis McMillen  
Overland Park, Kansas

Marcia A. Merrins  
Fredonia, New York

The proposed DISCLOSE Act builds on requirements already approved by the Supreme Court. It bars foreign-controlled corporations and those which have received federal bailout money or large government contracts from spending huge amounts trying to elect or defeat particular candidates.

Marlene Rehkamp O'Brien  
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Norman Turrill  
Portland, Oregon

Doesn't it make sense that foreign-controlled corporations shouldn't be turned loose to spend unlimited amounts in American elections? Doesn't it make sense that federal money from bailouts and large contracts shouldn't be recycled to elect or defeat federal candidates for election? These provisions are common sense solutions to the complex problems created by the Court's ruling.

Dianne Wheatley-Giliotti  
Palm Harbor, Florida

Elaine M. Wiant  
Dallas, Texas

This critical finance legislation is fair and equitable. It ensures voters can make informed decisions. The League of Women Voters strongly urges you to support the DISCLOSE Act.

*Executive Director*  
Nancy E. Tate

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## Some Tax Facts

Arizona's overall state and local tax burden ranked 41st in the nation in 2008, with 8.5 percent of per capita income going to taxes, according to the nonpartisan, Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation. The national average is 9.7 percent.

The recently approved 1-cent-per-dollar tax increase will take the state sales tax to 6.6 percent and raise nearly \$1 billion a year for three years before expiring. Although only eight states have a higher rate, spread across the state's population, the tax is unlikely to push Arizona much higher on the tax-burden ladder. Many of Arizona's other taxes remain relatively low, and most other states have increased at least some of their taxes since 2008.

Homeowners in Arizona have state and local property-tax bills that are lower than the national average. The state's income-tax rate is one of the lowest among the 43 states that collect such taxes, according to the Tax Foundation.

**"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." Franklin D. Roosevelt**



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